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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 847**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Pavley  
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Kehoe and Laird)**

February 20, 2003

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An act to amend Section 31220 of, and to amend the heading of Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 31220) of Division 21 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 847, as amended, Pavley. Natural resources: State Coastal Conservancy.

Existing law authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to undertake watershed restoration projects, or award grants for those projects, in order to improve coastal water quality. Existing law requires those projects to do one or more things, ~~two of which are to~~ *such as* provide for the purchase and installation of equipment to monitor and map coastal currents to predict and determine areas of contamination and pollutant transport in coastal waters, ~~or to~~ acquire, protect, and restore coastal wetlands, riparian areas, floodplains, and other sensitive watershed lands for coastal rivers.

This bill, instead, would authorize the conservancy to undertake watershed and ~~coastal~~ water quality *protection and restoration* projects, or award grants for those projects, to improve coastal water quality *and habitats* and protect *coastal and* marine resources ~~in sensitive habitat areas~~. The bill would alter ~~the above two~~ *revise existing* project requirements, ~~to require the projects to, among other things, provide for~~

~~the purchase and installation of equipment to monitor and map coastal currents and habitats, to facilitate management of marine resources, or to acquire, protect, and restore coastal wetlands, riparian areas, floodplains, and other sensitive watershed lands or marine areas and add additional project requirements.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 31220) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

CHAPTER 5.5. INTEGRATED COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES  
PROTECTION

SEC. 2. Section 31220 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

31220. (a) In order to improve coastal water quality *and habitats* and protect *coastal and* marine resources ~~in sensitive habitat areas~~, the conservancy may undertake watershed and coastal water quality *protection and* restoration projects or award grants for those projects, consistent with this chapter. The conservancy shall consult with the applicable regional water quality control board in the development of the project or grant to ensure consistency with Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30915) of Division 20.4 of the Public Resources Code.

(b) The conservancy may undertake a project or award a grant to a project only if the project does one or more of the following:

(1) Reduces contamination of waters within the coastal zone, including, but not limited to, coastal and near shore waters.

(2) Protects *or restores* fish and wildlife habitat within coastal watersheds and coastal waters.

(3) Reduces *threats to coastal and marine fish and wildlife*.

(4) Reduces *unnatural* erosion and sedimentation of coastal watersheds *or contributes to the reestablishment of natural erosion and sediment cycles*, including, but not limited to, permit coordination projects for watershed restoration.

~~(4) Provides for the purchase and installation of equipment to monitor and map coastal currents and habitats, to facilitate management of marine resources. Any~~

(5) *Provides for monitoring and mapping of coastal currents, marine habitats, and marine wildlife, in order to facilitate the protection and enhancement of resources within the coastal zone. A project considered under this paragraph shall be implemented in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game.*

~~(5)~~

(6) *Acquires, protects, and restores coastal wetlands, riparian areas, floodplains, and other sensitive watershed lands for or marine areas, including watershed lands draining to sensitive marine areas.*

(7) *Reduces the impact of population and economic pressures on coastal and marine resources.*

(8) *Provides for public access compatible with resource protection and restoration objectives.*

(9) *Provides for the construction of nature centers or research facilities that emphasize conservation education or research activities focusing on the marine portion of the coastal zone or the land and ocean interface.*

(c) The conservancy shall consult with the State Water Resources Control Board on project selection. Projects funded pursuant to this section shall be consistent with local watershed management plans, if available, and water quality control plans adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board and regional water quality control boards, and shall include a monitoring and evaluation component.

CORRECTIONS

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